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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

WEST VIRGINIA -- Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2003 totaled 405,000 head, down 10,000 head or 2 percent from the January 1, 2002 inventory. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 210,000 head, down 5,000 head or 2 percent from January 1, 2002.

Comparing January 1, 2003 to January 1, 2002: **Beef cows** totaled 195,000 head, down 4,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 15,000, down 1,000 head; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 65,000 head, down 5,000 head; **beef replacement heifers**, 35,000 head, down 5,000 head; **milk replacement heifers**, 7,000 head, up 2,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** at 43,000 head, down 2,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** at 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 73,000, up 3,000 head. **Cattle on feed** totaled 7,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2002.

The 2002 **calf crop** totaled 190,000 head, down 5,000 head from the 2001 calf crop.

The number of **cattle operations** totaled 13,000 in 2002, unchanged from 2001. **Beef cow** operations totaled 11,000, unchanged from 2001. The number of **dairy cow operations** totaled 500, down 100 from 2001.

UNITED STATES -- All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2003, totaled 96.1 million head, 1 percent below the 96.7 million on January 1, 2002, and 1 percent below the 97.3 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved at 42.1 million, were down slightly from the 42.2 million on January 1, 2002 and down 1 percent from the 42.6 million two years ago.

Comparing January 1, 2003, to January 1, 2002: **Beef cows** totaled 32.95 million head, down 1 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.15 million, up slightly; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 19.6 million, down slightly; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.61 million, up 1 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.10 million, up 1 percent; **other heifers**, 9.89 million, down 2 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 16.6 million, down 1 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.25 million, up slightly; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 15.6 million, down 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** totaled 12.9 million, down 7 percent.

The 2002 **calf crop** was estimated at 38.2 million head, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000.

The **number of operations** with cattle totaled 1.03 million during 2002, down 2 percent from 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. **Beef cow operations** in 2002 were down 1 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. **Milk cow operations** were 6 percent below last year and 13 percent below two years ago.

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